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that our local Jupiter on the Board is ever spoiling for a fight, and I know many others who will lend him a helping hand to forge his thunderbolts.

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Mirapora*, which is to take the mail for Europe, arrived here only this afternoon, having had to lie to on account of a fierce gale that she encountered shortly after leaving Shanghai. The great strength of the gale is clearly shown by the shipping reports of the *Malva* and the *Chi-yuen*, which both encountered it. Ow- ing to her late arrival, the *Mirapora* will not leave till 4 p.m. to-morrow, and fresh postal arrangements have been made. Particulars as to time of posting will be found in another column.

THE STRANDING OF THE S. S.

The latest information as to the position of the *Lesang*, is, we regret to say, very disappointing. As we mentioned the other day, there were great hopes of the vessel being floated off, but the result of the storm which she experienced a few days ago has been fatal to the prospect of her being saved. What little of value can be got from the vessel can only be obtained under favourable conditions that occur only occasionally. The *Lesang* was one of the finest steamers in the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s fleet. She was brought out from England about two years ago and was under command of Captain Sawyer until her last trip, when Captain Barrier, formerly her chief officer, was in command.

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## RANGE DEATH OF A PRISONER

Under the 1919 and 20th of June last, Mr Ober Field, an Englishman, said to be well-known amongst the foreign sea-faring community in Japan was tried in Her Britannic Majesty's Court for Japan, before the Honorable Magistrate, Acting Judge, on a charge of being a police officer and a Japanese policeman. The judge found that the charges were not clearly proved, but in view of the evidence given, bound the accused over in the sum of \$4,000 to keep the peace, with the alternative of six months' imprisonment. The accused says he was a Japanese policeman probably did this in order that Field should be placed in quarters where no restraint would be put upon him. His security was too heavy for the accused and he was committed to prison. After a fortnight after he was incarcerated he was released on bail. The following circumstance, which were revealed at an inquest held later on, of which the following is a part of the report:—William Tyne, a prisoner detailed to attend the deceased, said that when he (the deceased) first came ashore he broke or so after he was sentenced he was strong and was strong, and turned to rest off. He

The first thing needed in a candidate for public office is availability, and then the next thing is a veil of charity. — Duluth Telegrapher.



